

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
ANANTHAN, Subramaniam) Art Unit: 1626
Application No.: 10/593,748) Examiner: Shameem, G. M.
Filing Date: July 28, 2008) Confirmation: 3021
For: "NONPEPTIDE INHIBITORS OF)
MATRIX METALLOPROTEINASES")

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NONFINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed March 18, 2011 (the "Office Action"), please amend the above-referenced application as indicated and consider the following Remarks.

Amendments to the claims appear in the **Listing of Claims**, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.

The **Conclusion** appears on page 21 of this paper.

A **Request for Extension of Time** is enclosed herewith.

A **Form PTOL-413A** is enclosed herewith.